

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 6, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 590

Introduced by Assembly Member Fox

February 20, 2013

An act to add Section 90 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 590, as amended, Fox. Veterans: ~~employment credit~~. *transition assistance.*

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for administering various programs and services for the benefit of veterans.

This bill would require, by January 1, 2015, the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a transition assistance program for veterans who have discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard of any state within the previous 18 months, as specified.

~~Existing law provides certain protections and benefits for veterans.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would allow veterans to use their military employment as credit to receive certification for employment in the same civilian job.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 90 is added to the Military and Veterans*
2 *Code, to read:*

3 *90. By January 1, 2015, the Department of Veterans Affairs*
4 *shall develop a transition assistance program for veterans who*
5 *have discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or*
6 *the National Guard of any state within the previous 18 months.*
7 *The program shall be designed to assist veterans in successfully*
8 *transitioning from military to civilian life in California and to*
9 *complement the transition program offered by the Department of*
10 *Defense. The program shall include, but shall not be limited to,*
11 *California-specific transition assistance information, California*
12 *higher education benefits and program information, vocational*
13 *training assistance, apprenticeship programs, military sexual*
14 *trauma (MST) resources and information, and housing information.*

15 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
16 ~~legislation that would allow veterans to use their military~~
17 ~~employment as credit to receive certification for employment in~~
18 ~~the same civilian job.~~